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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re application of

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SURFACE DISCHARGE PROCESSING, AND AN  
ELECTRODE FOR SURFACE DISCHARGE PROCESSING

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of voluntary disclosure under Rule 56, and for the  
Examiner's convenience, we submit herewith:

- a) a form PTO-1449 listing eight (8) references of potential relevancy; and,
- b) a complete copy of each reference.

No certification or fee is required.

Regarding the concise explanation of relevancy requirement for foreign language  
documents, an English-language summary is attached for each foreign language document.

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document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not

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waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise  
remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present  
application.

Respectfully submitted,



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